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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

**25 CFR Part 226**

**Osage Negotiated Rulemaking Committee**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

**ACTION:** Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Osage Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** *Meeting:* The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Wah Zha Zhi Cultural Center, 1449 W. Main, Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056;

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Eddie Streater, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wewoka Agency, P.O. Box 1540, Seminole, OK 74818; telephone (405) 257-6250; fax (405) 257-3875; or email [osageregneg@bia.gov](mailto:osageregneg@bia.gov). Additional Committee information can be found at: <http://www.bia.gov/osageregneg>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 14, 2011, the United States and the Osage Nation (formerly known as the Osage Tribe) signed a Settlement Agreement to resolve litigation regarding alleged mismanagement of the Osage Nation's oil and gas mineral estate, among other claims. As part of the Settlement Agreement, the parties agreed that it would be mutually beneficial "to address means of improving the trust management of the Osage Mineral Estate, the Osage Tribal Trust Account, and Other Osage Accounts." Settlement

Agreement, Paragraph 1.i. The parties agreed that a review and revision of the existing regulations is warranted to better assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in managing the Osage Mineral Estate. The parties agreed to engage in a negotiated rulemaking for this purpose. Settlement Agreement, Paragraph 9.b. After the Committee submits its report, BIA will develop a proposed rule to be published in the **Federal Register**.

*Meeting Agenda:* The morning session will include: Final Committee thoughts on proposed final revised regulations and public comment on final proposed revised regulations. The afternoon session will include: Responses by the Committee on public comments and final vote by Committee on final proposed revised regulations. The final agenda will be posted on [www.bia.gov/osagenegreg](http://www.bia.gov/osagenegreg) prior to each meeting.

*Public Input:* Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested members of the public may present, either orally or through written comments, information for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. Written comments should be submitted, prior to, during, or after the meeting, to Mr. Eddie Streater, Designated Federal Officer, preferably via email, at [osagenegneg@bia.gov](mailto:osagenegneg@bia.gov), or by U.S. mail to: Mr. Eddie Streater, Designated Federal Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wewoka Agency, P.O. Box 1540, Seminole, OK 74818. Due to time constraints during the meeting, the Committee is not able to read written public comments submitted into the record.

Individuals or groups requesting to make oral comments at the public Committee meeting will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Speakers who wish to expand their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated during the public comment

period, are encouraged to submit their comments in written form to the Committee after the meeting at the address provided above. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for those wishing to speak during the public comment period.

The meeting location is open to the public. Space is limited, however, so we strongly encourage all interested in attending to preregister by submitting your name and contact information via email to Mr. Eddie Streater at *osageregneg@bia.gov*. Persons with disabilities requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Mr. Streater at (405) 257-6250 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting. We will do our best to accommodate those who are unable to meet this deadline.

Dated: March 8, 2013

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